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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1950.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950; also included are the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1950.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Under date of November 2, 1949, a communication was addressed to the General Court as follows:—

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 33, as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith such portions of my annual report (Public Document Number 46) as embody recommendations for legislation, accompanied by drafts of bills and resolves to cover said recommendations.

Of the recommendations submitted, several were enacted into law while others were referred to the next annual session. All are included in the two next following headed paragraphs embracing legislation enacted during the 1950 session and recommendations to the General Court of 1951.

1950 LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

During the 1950 session of the General Court several acts and resolves were passed which effect or concern the Office of the Secretary, or the subject of elections, in which this office plays an important part. Briefly, these statutes are as follows:

Chapter 21, an act correcting the statute relative to absent voting by deleting a provision referring to section 90, which section was repealed by Chapter 140, Section 14, 1946.

Chapter 22, an act providing for the registration of children born aloft in aircraft in the town where the airplane makes a landing.

Chapter 28, an act prohibiting the canvassing and counting of votes on the Lord's Day.

Chapter 88, an act forbidding the distribution of unsigned political posters or circulars.

Chapter 91, an act prohibiting under penalty of fine or imprisonment the use of the name of a person as endorser or supporter of a candidate without express consent.

Chapter 142, an act providing that boards of registrars of voters shall represent the two leading political parties with not more than two members, including the town clerk, of the same political party.

Chapter 172, an act authorizing registrars of voters to appoint assistant registrars for one year with equal party representation.

Chapter 177, an act authorizing registrars to appoint one or two assistant registrars to perform the duties of a registrar, and if two, of different political parties.

Chapter 193, an act adding party enrolment to annual registers of voters.

Chapter 255, an act providing for the preparation, printing and distribution of voting lists by July 15th in each year, requiring alphabetical lists by streets with names in numerical order in towns of over five thousand population, providing for free distribution to candidates, and duly organized political committees.

Chapter 310, an act authorizing the Supervisor of Public Records to approve carbon paper for use in making copies of official records.

Chapter 350, an act extending until October 1, 1950 the time when Registers of Deeds must make microphotographic copies of records and providing for the approval of purchases of equipment by the Secretary if County Commissioners fail to approve same.

Chapter 366, an act authorizing the issuance of abbreviated abstracts of birth, marriage or death.

Chapter 454, an act establishing a filing fee of \$3 for filing notice or discharge of liens on merchandise with the Secretary or Town or City Clerks.

Chapter 488, an act providing that all state officers, boards and departments required to file annual reports shall file same with the Secretary on or before the first Wednesday in December in each fiscal year, unless some other time is established by statute, for a particular office, board or department.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING ENABLING LEGISLATION

The experience of recent years and a study of public demands upon this office indicates the wisdom of recommending to the General Court proposed measures to enable the Office of the Secretary which is the recording office of the Commonwealth and the repository of its archives, its laws, the rules and regulations of departments and its precedents to perform its functions more fully and efficiently. To that end a survey has been made by this office and as a result measures will be presented to the 1951 session of the General Court covering the subject matter herein commented upon.

COMPILATION OF LAWS

The long continued practice of providing at odd intervals, usually about twenty years apart, for the compilation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth by a special commission is archaic, cumbersome, extravagant, inefficient and unsatisfactory. The expense is great and frequently the finished product is obsolete in large part within a year of its completion. In all recent experiences the work has been extended over a three-year period, as is the case with the present commission, now functioning under Chapter 94 of the Resolves of 1948. The work of the present commission has progressed to a point where it should be continued until the work is completed. But, hereafter there should be no necessity for a special commission.

A continuous compilation kept current by a regular organization trained and skilled in the field would be far more adequate, more economical and generally more satisfactory. Such a division should be established in the Office of the Secretary from which office all statutes are published and in which office all statutory enactments are retained and preserved. A bill proposing the establishment of such a division will be presented to the General Court.

CORPORATIONS

(a) Divided control of matters concerning corporations between this office and the office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation is the occasion of considerable inefficiency and delay. All corporate matters except taxation are within the Department of the Secretary in the State of New York. The Office of the Secretary is the office of record and it should be the repository of all information concerning domestic and foreign corporations. It is, therefore, recommended that all duties concerning the organization of corporations, reorganization, returns and certifications should be in the Office of the Secretary. Taxation should be left in the Office of the Commissioner. A proposed bill to accomplish this purpose will be filed with the General Court.

(b) Charitable corporations and a vast number and field of other corporations chartered under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the General Laws are organized and heard of no more. No reports are filed, no records of any sort are available except for the original papers filed prior to the granting of a charter. There are frequent inquiries as to such corporations, their existence, their officers and their financial status. The files are confined to original information and there is no record to determine even the present existence of such corporations. So far as these corporations are churches, religious organizations or such charitable corporations as file reports with the Department of Public Welfare there is no criticism of the existing situation. All other such corporations should be required to file an annual report with a small fee of two dollars to cover costs of annual reports, setting out their officers, their location, their financial structure. A proposed Act to accomplish this purpose will be submitted to the General Court.

FEES

The fees of city and town clerks have been readjusted to meet costs. Those

of this office have not been revised in over a generation. In order to insure that the revenues exceed the expenses certain fee statutes should be revised.

a. Pilots should be excluded from the fee act since jurisdiction has been transferred to the Pilot Commissioners.

b. Fees for factors' liens and the filing of trust receipts should be advanced to five dollars.

c. Fees for the issuance of commissions should be increased from five dollars to ten dollars because the present fees are inadequate to pay for the printing and paper work incidental to the issuance of commissions.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The terms of medical examiners and their associates should be for a full seven year term from date of appointment as was provided by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1877. Confusion has been occasioned by the amendments to General Laws contained in Chapter 30, Section 10, providing for various appointments for the unexpired term or the anniversary of the expiration of the term of original appointment. Each executive has continued to appoint for full terms and such appointments have been so recorded at this office. The statute should be amended to conform with the records. A bill to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for all state publications is general and constant. Such documents are in a broad sense records of the Commonwealth and should be available at the Office of the Secretary as well as at the office, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, at its document room, every publication of the Commonwealth and should have knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents. To be certain of this, all printing should be routed through this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. The actual placing of printing contracts and purchase of supplies and materials should be left with the State Purchasing Agent, with duplicates of all executed orders filed with the Secretary in order that the public may be informed as to what subject matter is in process, as well as on what has been printed.

Distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the secretary, unless otherwise provided." (G. L. C. 5, sec. 1.) In practice, however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience. A proposed act will be submitted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations of all departments, boards, offices and other agencies of the Commonwealth are not now available at any central depository. Certain of them to which a penalty is attached are filed at this office. All which have force of law or are general in their application should be available, not only at the particular office having jurisdiction, but at some central agency. The Office of the Secretary is the one logical central agency. This, too, is in compliance with the constitutional requirement that the records of the Commonwealth shall be kept in the Office of the State Secretary. Such rules and regulations are essential records of the Commonwealth and should be on file at this office. Legislation to require filing at this office, before any regulations are effective, will be proposed at the 1951 Session of the General Court.

TRADE-MARKS

The present statutes relative to trade-marks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, rescission or other disposition of obsolete, unused or abandoned trade-marks. The files include many which should be disposed of and cleared. A provision for renewals after five year periods and permitting cancellation of obsolete trade-marks will clear the records of forty per cent of the unused trade-marks. A proposed act to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS BUT
NO ENABLING LEGISLATION

In addition there are acute problems which need not be the subject matter of legislation but for which adequate appropriations will be requested and urgently recommended. The more important of these are as follows:

ARCHIVES

The Massachusetts Archives, the popular designation of the collection of historical documents on file in the Division consists of 312 bound volumes. Up to the present time, less than 50 volumes have been catalogued. The purposes served by cataloguing these volumes are many. It offers us a reference from which to work but the principal effect would be to enable us to trace each missing document more readily. We are at present endeavoring to check on missing documents. Inasmuch as the books are not catalogued little progress can be made.

The recent publicity focused on the stolen document situation further emphasizes the need for prompt action.

Therefore, I respectfully request that proper steps be taken to provide for an addition of a minimum of five temporary Junior Clerks to the present personnel. These clerks would have years of work which is not only useful but absolutely necessary.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION

There is no adequate general information service concerning the activities and the departments of the Commonwealth available at the State House. The general public looks to the Office of the Secretary for such service. This is the office to which such a function should be attached. To give such service in a satisfactory manner two clerks should be assigned to definite space for this express major duty. It has been determined by the General Court that legislation is not necessary to set up such a bureau. There are no clerks available for assignment to such duty. Therefore, an appropriation of four thousand sixty dollars will be sought to provide for a senior and a junior clerk to be assigned to a bureau of information.

SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 4 and 5 direct the Secretary to appoint a supervisor of public records and authorize an expenditure of three thousand dollars a year for travel and other expenses of the supervisor. The duties of the supervisor of public records detailed in General Laws, Chapter 66 require that he "shall take necessary measures to put the records of the Commonwealth, counties, cities or towns in the custody and condition required by law and to secure their preservation." This is a grave statutory responsibility. It covers 39 cities, 312 towns, 80 district courts, 16 county clerks of courts, 21 registers of deeds and 14 registrars of probate, a total of four hundred and eighty-two installations. It clearly would require two men, the supervisor and an inspector, a year to make a single inspection of each installation. Because of lack of personnel and insufficient appropriations for travel it has been impossible for the supervisor to visit some towns more often than once in five years. Storage facilities are excellent in about forty per cent of

the installations, reasonably good in twenty per cent and from poor to very unsatisfactory in forty per cent. This office should enforce the law and bring all installations up to standard. On a minimum basis it will be necessary to have a qualified inspector at a salary of \$3,600 per year and a junior clerk at \$1,860 added to the staff of the supervisor with a travel appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year. An appropriation of \$6,460 for these purposes will be requested from the General Court.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

July 28, 1950.

Secretary of the Commonwealth

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:

Commissions	\$ 21,495 00	
Corporations	544,865 77	
Limited Partnerships	400 00	
Trade-marks	7,100 00	
Sale of Books	21,078 07	
Certificate	3,391 00	
Military Records	16 20	
Copies:		
Corporations	\$ 1,918 25	
Archives	12,465 10	14,383 35
Advance Sheets		2,580 00
Vital Statistics		6,195 50
Trust Receipts		2,736 00
Liens		60 00
Other Income		706 23
Miscellaneous Income		138 78
Total for Year		\$625,145 90

Financial Statement Verified (Under Requirements of C. 7, S 19 GL)

Date, August 4, 1950

By JOSEPH A. PRENNEY, *For the Comptroller.*

Approved for Publishing, RALPH E. HOUGHTON, *Acting Comptroller.*

COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1950 was 4,579, of which 304 were without fee and 59 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public	4,077
Justices of the Peace	166
Justices of the Peace to solemnize marriages	6
Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court	1
Judges of Probate and Insolvency	3
Justices and Special Justices, District Courts	9
Associate Justices, Superior Court	2
Clerks, District Courts	3
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail	3
Trial Justices	4
Masters in Chancery	15
Public Administrators	9
Special state police officers	48
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	174
Public warehousemen	31
Medical Examiners	8
Associate Medical Examiners	9
Commissioners to qualify public officers	5
Commissioners of Deeds, resident in other States	3

Sheriff, Middlesex County	1
Executive Secretary (pro tempore)	1
Executive Stenographer (pro tempore)	1

 4,579

Certificates to the number of 8,950 were issued, of which 2,281 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, was 3,852. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business	3,346
Religious, charitable, social, etc.	472
Fraternal beneficiary	8
Church	11
Credit union	13
Gas	1
Water	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 41,720. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the seven classes of corporations mentioned above	3,852
Business increases	379
Business amendments	2,671
Religious, charitable, social, etc., amendments	113
Business consolidations	18
Business mergers	10
Limited partnerships	40
Domestic and foreign conditions	28,606
Non-business reports	2,671
Foreign increases	32
Foreign reductions	69
Foreign power attorney by person or partnership	7
Statements of trust receipts	2,726
Statements of lien upon merchandise	60
Trade-marks	270
Assignments of trade-marks	16
Gas and electric, approval of issue, etc.	22
Water company, approval of issue, etc.	6
Railroad and street railway, approval of issue, etc.	4
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	29
Appointment agent (express)	1
Appointment administrator Roman Catholic Church	2
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 2,155 corporations)	13
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	2
Certificates of revival of corporations	60
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations	41
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Non-business charters withheld	8
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	7
Non-business charters declared void	2
Non-business applications for change of name withheld	1
Certified copies supplied	504
Special certificates supplied	413

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1949 were received, and cover 97,528 births and 39,608 marriages, a decrease of 2,906 births and a decrease of 6,152 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1848.

Under the provisions of the same law, 51,101 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949, a decrease of 1,774 as compared with the returns of 1948.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1949 cover 11,629, a decrease of 107 as compared with returns for 1948.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1949 number 6,862, a decrease of 850 as compared with the returns of 1948.

From July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950, 7,487 certificates of births, 2,097 certificates of marriages, and 2,733 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 12,317 certified copies. Besides these, 7,606 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 6,149 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 54,494 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$6,838.22 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$6,158.50 was for certified copies of birth, marriage and death records; \$51.50 was for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$628.22 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 22,135 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 9,449 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 1,493 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 29 corrections of marriages and 43 corrections of death records also received.

Returns of 3,860 names changed in 1949 as decreed by the several probate courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 210, Section 12.

ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, there have been made 15 military certificates, 14 typewritten copies, and 42,406 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, 2,491 veterans' discharges, etc.

The following fees have been received and paid over to the Treasurer: for military certificates, \$16.20; typewritten copies, \$22.00; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$12,443.10; totalling \$12,481.30.

Two volumes (nos. 24 and 25) of printed House Journals were added during the year, and the number is now twenty-five volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1749).

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Sections 166 to 169, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, thirty-seven attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutation of sentence, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and seventy-nine cases have been received and filed.

Loyalty card file with about 10,000 cards was received June 15, 1950. Since then 14,100 cards have been received.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must soon be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians, and the public in general.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1950, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 25,691 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-nine reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1949 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,277 copies of the 1949 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 2,297 copies of the 1941 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,030 copies of the 1949 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,050 copies of the 1949 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 5,512 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1949; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 630 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 475 copies of the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convention, Marine Corps League, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1949, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 10,048 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1949; 4,996 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1950; 5,140 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1950—A edition; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of the Massachusetts Reports, Volume 323; making a grand total of 90,821 copies of volumes 245 through 323 now on hand.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 66, Section 1, the supervisor of public records has inspected records of thirty-five cities and twenty-four towns within the Commonwealth, also several counties, as to their care, custody, condition and protection against fire.

Owing to insufficient personnel and inadequate travel funds, greater coverage was impossible.

It was pointed out in the annual report for the year ending June 30, 1949, and again in House Document No. 104, and submitted by this office to the General Court in compliance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 33, as amended, that the supervisor of public records and the secretary of the Commonwealth are responsible under chapter 66 of the General Laws for the proper maintenance and preservation of records in the four hundred and two locations within the Commonwealth, including the twenty-one registries of deeds, fourteen probate offices, the clerks of courts of sixteen counties and the offices of thirty-nine cities and three hundred and twelve towns.

On a normal basis an annual inspection of each location is essential, in order that this office may perform its duty under the law. These basic requirements cannot be met because of the shortage of personnel and travel funds.

To perform this essential duty the minimum personnel should consist of the supervisor and a full-time inspector, with a permanent clerk to perform the clerical duties of this office.

The necessary travel cannot be performed unless a sum of not less than three thousand dollars a year is appropriated for travel of the supervisor of public records and an inspector, independent of any other travel appropriation for the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

Microfilm and Photostatic Copies

Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1949 required each Register of Deeds to make microphotographic process copies of all instruments recorded, beginning on the first day

of January, 1950. Because of failure of county budgets to take this matter into consideration the 1950 session of the General Court provided for an extension of time for the processing of microphotographic copies until October 1, 1950. This was done by chapter 350 of the acts of 1950, approved April 17, 1950, which act also provided that if the county budgets had not made provision for the purchase of microphotographic equipment prior to October 1, 1950 the register of deeds is authorized to procure such equipment, the same to be paid for by the county treasurer with the approval of the register concerned and the secretary of state.

In order to facilitate the financing of the microphotographic equipment the General Court also provided, under chapter 182 of the acts of 1950 that the several counties be authorized to incur obligations for the carrying out of the provisions of chapter 395 of the acts of 1950, notwithstanding the provisions of the General Laws.

Safes, Vaults, etc.

Specifications approved by this department for fireproof safes and vaults may be obtained upon request.

In one town hall a new vault was installed and same approved by the supervisor.

The installation of several new vaults is contemplated as soon as money is available, and plans for same have been approved.

Steel files were recommended to replace wooden ones in one city hall, and in another steel vault to replace old wooden files in the basement.

Use of Carbon Paper

Because of the necessity of filing reports in other communities, county and state offices, heretofore city and town clerks have frequently been required to make duplicate original copies of records for transmission to conform with the law in such matters.

The current session of the legislature has provided in chapter 310 (acts of 1950) for the amendment of section 4 of chapter 66 of the General Laws so as to permit the use of carbon paper in preparing such copies, provided the carbon paper has been approved by the supervisor of public records.

Ink, Stamp Pad Ink and Stamp Pads

State record ink is approved by this department, and orders for same are filled through this office.

A list of approved brands of stamp pad ink and stamp pads may be obtained upon request.

Typewriter Ribbons

A list of brands of typewriter ribbons approved after certification by reputable chemists that the ribbons have undergone the forty-eight hour "Fade-Ometer" test, has been established. This list is added to from time to time and copies will be furnished upon request.

Repairing and Binding

Books have been rebound and repaired in several towns, and others are in the process of being rebound, on recommendation of the supervisor.

PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1949; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1949; United Nations Day, October 24, 1949; Armistice Day, November 11, 1949; Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1949; New

Orleans Day, January 8, 1950; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1950; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1950; One Hundred and Eightieth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1950; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1950; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1950; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1950; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1950; Flag Day, June 14, 1950 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1950. August 12, 1949 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 28, 1950, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9-15, 1949 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 7-13, 1949 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

January 13, 1950 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Good Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

On July 19, 1949 His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press reopening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:01 P.M. on July 20, 1949, as sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and also extending the open season on trout from September 1 to September 28, 1949.

A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press on July 27, 1949 closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of Barnstable, Plymouth, Nantucket, Dukes and Bristol Counties at 12:01 A.M. on July 28, 1949 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard.

On August 20, 1949 His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press rescinding his action of July 19, 1949 in extending the open season on trout from September 1 to September 28, 1949, since the drought conditions continued to such an extent that the water in the ground and in the streams had not been adequately replenished and since an open season on trout fishing might increase the fire hazard.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press on September 23, 1949 reopening all sections of forests and woodlands in the counties of Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties at 6:41 P.M. on September 23, 1949, as sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of said counties by reason of extreme drought.

In observance of Humane Sunday, May 7, 1950 and "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 8-13, 1950, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—Civil Air Patrol Week, July 17-23, 1949; Massachusetts Farm Safety Week, July 24-30, 1949; National Home Week, September 11-17, 1949; Constitution Day, September 17, 1949; Ecuador Relief Week, September 19-24, 1949; Nineteenth Annual Observance of Religious Education Week, October 2-8, 1949; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 2-8, 1949; Cranberry Week, October 10-15, 1949; Civil Rights Week, October 23-29, 1949; Teen-Age Week, October 23-29, 1949; Future Homemakers Week, First Week in November, 1949; Kids' Day, November 19, 1949; Arthritis Week, November 21-26, 1949; Printing and Publishing Week, January 16-21, 1950; Big Brother Week, January 15-21, 1950; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1950; Negro History Week, February 12-18, 1950; Heart Week, February 12-18, 1950; Brotherhood Week, February 19-26, 1950; Negro Newspaper Week, February 26-March 4, 1950; Girl Scouts of the United States Day, March 12, 1950; National Wildlife

Restoration Week, March 19-25, 1950; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1950; Cancer Control Month, the month of April, 1950; Pan American Day, April 14, 1950 and Pan American Week, April 9-15, 1950; Plant Massachusetts to Help Plant American Week, the week of April 28, 1950; Boys and Girls Week, April 29 to May 6, 1950; Child Health Day, May 1, 1950; Newsboys' Week, May 8-13, 1950; Music Week, May 7-14, 1950; Big Lift Day, May 9, 1950; Girls' Clubs Week, May 14-20, 1950; Armed Forces Week, May 14-20, 1950; Mother's Day, May 14, 1950; Save for your Independence, period from May 15-July 4, 1950; Foot Health Week, May 20-27, 1950; Achievement Day, May 22, 1950; Americal Division Day, May 27, 1950; Rededication Month in Massachusetts, the month of June, 1950 and Massachusetts Day at the National Capital Sesquicentennial, June 17, 1950.

On March 29, 1950 a proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press calling upon every citizen of the Commonwealth and upon every person temporarily resident within our borders to give his or her complete cooperation to the census enumerators on their official visits for the Seventeenth Decennial Census of the United States to commence on April 1, 1950.

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons executed and issued during the year was 43, of which 22 were full and complete, and 21 were issued under parole conditions; commutations, 4; respites, 20; and discharges from state hospitals, 2; requisitions: upon other States, 78, upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; and upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District Court of Columbia, 4; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 35.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1949 session of the General Court 362 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 52 as compared with 1948. Returns for the 1950 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1949-1950.

Returns covering 322 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Twenty-six employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$403,887. Of this amount \$76,203 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees, apportioned, and \$127,350 unapportioned, and \$200,334 payments in connection with legislation only. Thirteen employers stated that they paid nothing.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Two proposed constitutional amendments are pending for submission to the people upon the official ballot for the 1950 state election.

INITIATIVE PETITIONS FILED

FOR

—An Act providing that classifications of risks and premium charges under the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth was filed September 8, 1949.

Under date of December 6, 1949, subsequent signatures were filed under the provisions of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the Legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure failed enactment by the legislature and is now awaiting subsequent signatures.

—An Act repealing an act providing for the transportation of private school pupils to and from school, was filed September 12, 1949, under date of December 7, 1949. Subsequent signatures were filed under the provisions of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure was enacted into law by the Legislature and became Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1950.

—An Act amending the Old Age Assistance Law so as to provide to certain deserving persons in need of relief and support at sixty-three years of age or over a minimum payment of seventy-five dollars per month; and to such blind, eligible, deserving persons a minimum payment of eighty-five dollars per month, was filed September 14, 1949.

Under date of November 29, 1949, subsequent signatures were filed under the provision of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the Legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure failed enactment by the legislature and is now awaiting subsequent signatures.

—An Act authorizing the conduct of a state lottery to provide additional funds for payments of assistance to aged persons by way of pension or otherwise, and for aid to the needy blind and to dependent children was filed September 14, 1949.

On November 29, 1949, subsequent signatures were filed under the provisions of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the Legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure failed enactment by the legislature and is now awaiting subsequent signatures.

—An Act providing for the licensing and regulation of off-track betting offices for the making or receiving of wagers on the speed or ability of horses or dogs, was filed September 27, 1949.

No subsequent signatures were filed.

—An Act providing for the establishment and administration of a cash sickness compensation law for certain employees, was filed September 27, 1949.

No subsequent signatures were filed.

REFERENDUM PETITION

Referendum of Chapter 796, Section 2, of the Acts of 1949 was filed September 28, 1949, requesting that Chapter 796, Section 2, of the Acts of 1949, be repealed as provided by Article XLVIII of the Constitution.

The Attorney General did not approve the measure.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950: Department of Banking and Insurance; Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Education; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Utilities; Department of Public Works; Appellate Tax Board; Division of Employment Security; Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and Milk Control Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1949				
July 1	Natick	Uniforms for police and firemen (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	May 17, 1949
July 1	Natick	Appointment of inspector of animals (G. L. 129, s. 15)	Accepted	May 17, 1949
July 14	Grafton	Collection by collector of accounts due to city (G. L. 41, s. 38A)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1949
Aug. 3	Spencer	Vacations for certain employees of certain cities and towns, 1949, 475 (G. L. 41, s. 111)	Accepted	Aug. 1, 1949
Aug. 3	Spencer	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Aug. 1, 1949
Aug. 29	Brockton	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Aug. 25, 1949
Aug. 29	Everett	Establishment of reserve fire forces in cities (G. L. 48, ss. 59B-59E)	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1949
Oct. 4	Everett	Publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities (G. L. 40, s. 32A)	Accepted	Sept. 30, 1949
Oct. 13	Athol	Absent voting at town elections, 1948, 477, s. 2 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Oct. 10, 1949
Oct. 27	Cambridge	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Oct. 24, 1949
Nov. 15	Grafton	Fees for slaughter licenses, 1949, 334, ss. 2 and 3 (G. L. 94, ss. 120 and 120A)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1949
Nov. 17	Haverhill	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 18	Woburn	Office of city collector placed within the classified civil service, 1941, 414 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 18	Woburn	Appropriation for removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Boston	Plan A form of government 1948, 452, ss. 10-20	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	North Adams	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Springfield	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Somerville	Plan E form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 93-116)	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Everett	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Dec. 5	Medford	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	June 22, 1949
Dec. 5	Medford	Pay for municipal employees serving annual tour of duty in the militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Nov. 30, 1949
Dec. 6	Everett	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Nov. 30, 1949
Dec. 6	Lynn	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1949
Dec. 12	Gloucester	Plan E form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 93-116)	Accepted	Nov. 15, 1949
Dec. 12	North Adams	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Dec. 7, 1949
Dec. 13	Watertown	Pay for municipal employees serving annual tour of duty in the militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1949
Dec. 15	Cambridge	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Nov. 14, 1949
Dec. 20	Easthampton	Indoor basketball games to be played on the Lord's day (G. L. 136, ss. 21-25)	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1949
Dec. 30	Lawrence	Uniforms for police and firemen (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	Dec. 28, 1949

1950	Jan. 3	Medford . . .	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, s. 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted . . .	Dec. 29, 1949
	Jan. 3	Wilmington . . .	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted . . .	Dec. 19, 1949
	Jan. 13	Gardner . . .	Sick leave for laborers, workmen and mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted . . .	Oct. 17, 1949
	Feb. 8	Chicopee . . .	Forty-hour week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted . . .	June 7, 1949
	Feb. 16	Provincetown . . .	Civil service for regular or permanent members of the highway department of the town of Provincetown, including the position of highway superintendent of the town of Provincetown, 1945, 701, s. 2 (G. L. 31, s. 47)	Accepted . . .	Feb. 13, 1950
	Feb. 21	Northampton . . .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted . . .	Feb. 16, 1950
	Feb. 23	Westfield . . .	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted . . .	Feb. 21, 1950
	Mar. 7	Chatham . . .	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 7, 1950
	Mar. 8	Sharon . . .	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 6, 1950
	Mar. 13	Webster . . .	Inspection of buildings (G. L. 143, s. 3)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 7, 1950
	Mar. 15	Cohasset . . .	Seventy-hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1941, 638 (G. L. 48, s. 58A)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 11, 1950
	Mar. 15	Milton . . .	Uniforms for police and firemen (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 11, 1950
	Mar. 15	Wrentham . . .	Civil service for regular or permanent members of police and fire forces, call fire force and chief of police or officer performing similar duties, and chief of fire department or officer performing similar duties (G. L. 31, s. 48)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 6, 1950
	Mar. 17	Medford . . .	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 14, 1950
	Mar. 20	Milton . . .	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 11, 1950
	Mar. 22	Hamilton . . .	Establishment of a regional school district, 1949, 638, s. 1 (G. L. 71, s. 15)	Rejected . . .	Mar. 14, 1950
	Apr. 5	Arlington . . .	Forty-hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1947, 649 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 20, 1950
	Apr. 7	Revere . . .	Improved method of municipal planning, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A-81Y)	Accepted . . .	Mar. 27, 1950
	Apr. 7	Revere . . .	Sick leaves for laborers, workmen and mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1945, 156 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted . . .	Apr. 3, 1950
	Apr. 12	Worcester . . .	Forty-hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted . . .	Apr. 6, 1950
	Apr. 18	Truro . . .	Establishment of police department (G. L. 41, s. 97)	Accepted . . .	Apr. 5, 1950
	Apr. 27	Revere . . .	Retirement of certain school janitors or school custodians, 1945, 708, s. 1 (G. L. 32, s. 45A) and 1949, 407, s. 1 (G. L. 32, s. 45B)	Accepted . . .	Apr. 24, 1950
	May 1	Worcester . . .	Additional fees and increase of license fees for slaughtering businesses, 1949, 334, ss. 2 and 3 (G. L. 94, ss. 120 and 120A)	Accepted . . .	Apr. 26, 1950
	May 10	Watertown . . .	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted . . .	May 8, 1950
	June 8	Manchester Water District of . . .	Collection of water rates (G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended)	Accepted . . .	June 3, 1950
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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yea	No
1949					
July 1	Clerk, Swansea Water District, Swansea	An Act establishing the Swansea water district in the town of Swansea (1949, 137)	May 9, 1949	-1	-
July 1	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act making certain that service required under certain provisions of law providing pensions for laborers in the employ of the city of Lowell need not be continuous (1949, 466)	June 28, 1949	-2	-
July 11	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act to authorize the county of Essex to reimburse John Wilson for moneys taken from him by a prisoner and expenses incurred in the recovery of his automobile (1949, 464)	July 6, 1949	-3	-
July 21	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the retirement of certain police officers and firemen of the city of Lowell (1949, 438)	July 19, 1949	-2	-
July 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act amending and revising the acts creating the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Boston Metropolitan District (1949, 572)	July 25, 1949	-4	-
July 26	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to take land from a public playground in said city for highway purposes (1949, 250)	July 22, 1949	-4	-
July 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct and maintain a viaduct over and across the passage of water known as the "Back Way" in lower Boston Harbor, between Long Island and Moon Island and approaches thereto on both Long Island and Moon Island (1949, 480)	July 25, 1949	-4	-
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the salaries of the board of assessors of the city of Boston (1949, 393)	Aug. 1, 1949	-4	-
Sept. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain retired members of the city of Boston, the county of Suffolk, and their beneficiaries (1949, 681)	Sept. 2, 1949	-4	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to retire John J. Curtin at the annual rate of compensation received by him at the date of retirement (1949, 708)	Sept. 15, 1949	-5	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Sept. 15, 1949	-5	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the granting of vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns (1949, 384)	Aug. 19, 1949	-2	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Everett	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain park land by the city of Everett to the Everett Housing Authority for veterans' housing purposes (1949, 715)	Sept. 1, 1949	-5	-
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Cambridge	Lovett, now a member of the fire department of said city (1949, 672)	Sept. 19, 1949	-2	-
Sept. 22	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a full pay pension to Private Thomas J. W. Wilding (1949, 669)	Sept. 20, 1949	-5	-
Oct. 6	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to increase the retirement allowance of James house at Lawrence (1949, 729)	Sept. 13, 1949	-3	-

Oct. 7	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to pay a certain sum of money to Isobel M. Cheney, a public school teacher in said city (1949, 432)	Oct.	4, 1949	- ⁵	-
Oct. 13	Clerk, North Raynham Water District, Raynham . . .	An Act establishing the North Raynham Water District in the town of Raynham (1949, 483)	Sept.	16, 1949	- ⁷	-
Oct. 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Tremont street in the city of Boston from the park department to the public welfare department of said city (1949, 803)	Oct.	19, 1949	- ³	-
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Marlborough . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of police of the city of Marlborough under the civil service laws (1949, 610)	Nov.	1, 1949	4,786	2,047
Nov. 14	City Clerk, Marlborough . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	9, 1949	- ⁴	-
Nov. 15	City Clerk, New Bedford . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	14, 1949	- ⁴	-
Nov. 18	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act amending the charter of the city of Woburn by providing for the initiative and referendum (1946, 263)	Nov.	8, 1949	4,517	1,358
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Everett . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	12, 1949	- ⁴	-
Dec. 5	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	30, 1949	- ⁵	-
Dec. 12	City Clerk, North Adams . . .	An Act revising the charter of the city of North Adams (1949, 402)	Dec.	6, 1949	- ⁵	-
Dec. 14	Framingham . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Dec.	12, 1949	- ⁹	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Lowell . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Dec.	14, 1949	- ²	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act providing for party primaries in the city of Holyoke (1949, 215)	Nov.	8, 1949	9,106	13,470
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain public employees (1948, 588)	Dec.	5, 1949	- ²	-
1950						
Feb. 15	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow . . .	An Act to authorize the town of East Longmeadow to borrow money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing school buildings, (1949, 158)	Feb.	13, 1950	602	162
Mar. 1	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . .	An Act providing for additional accommodations for the registry of deeds and registry of probate in Cambridge (1950, 123)	Feb.	28, 1950	- ¹⁰	-
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act combining the offices of tree warden and moth superintendent in the town of Watertown (1949, 112)	Mar.	6, 1950	8,066	980
Mar. 13	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a portion of Rockwood Field, a public playground, for school purposes (1950, 14)	Mar.	8, 1950	- ³	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Sudbury . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Sudbury under the civil service laws (1950, 86)	Mar.	6, 1950	650	134
Mar. 21	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners . . .	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Barnstable County Sanatorium (1950, 185)	Mar.	17, 1950	- ¹¹	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Natick . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present town clerk of the town of Natick (1950, 87)	Mar.	6, 1950	3,258	1,200
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Natick . . .	An Act to establish in the town of Natick representative town government by limited town meetings (1938, 2)	Mar.	6, 1950	2,318	2,698
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present deputy election commissioner of the city of Somerville (1950, 218)	Mar.	23, 1950	- ⁵	-

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1950					
Apr. 10	Secretary, Trustees of Governor Dummer Academy, South Byfield	An Act changing the name of the Trustees of Dummer Academy, in the county of Essex to Governor Dummer Academy (1950, 285)	Apr. 8, 1950	-12	-
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing that the fire department of the city of Holyoke shall pay an annual rental for the use of water used by said department (1950, 174)	Apr. 4, 1950	-5	-
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to annual vacations for certain police officers of the city of Boston (1950, 243)	Apr. 10, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 11	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to pay a certain claim legally unenforceable by reason of failure to comply with certain provisions of its city charter (1950, 239)	Apr. 3, 1950	-3	-
Apr. 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing the incumbent of the office of veteran service physician in the Department of Veterans' Services of the city of Boston under the civil service laws and relative to the retirement rights of the incumbent of said position (1950, 278)	Apr. 10, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing the incumbent of the position of senior registrar in the municipal employment bureau of the city of Boston under the civil service laws and rules (1950, 311)	Apr. 18, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the restoration of a certain person to the eligible list for police officers in the city of Holyoke (1950, 312)	Apr. 18, 1950	-5	-
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing that the fire department of the city of Holyoke shall pay an annual rental for the use of water used by said department (1950, 174)	Apr. 18, 1950	-5	-
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to membership in the State-Boston Retirement System (1950, 355)	Apr. 21, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 26	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the civil service status of the safety inspector in the building inspector's office in the city of Lawrence (1950, 244)	Apr. 24, 1950	-2	-
Apr. 26	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act to establish the town manager form of government in the town of Danvers (1949, 13)	Mar. 7, 1949	2,670	1,297
May 5	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to the civil service status of the health inspector in the health department of the city of Lynn (1950, 150)	Apr. 25, 1950	-3	-
May 5	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to appropriate and pay a sum of money to Vincent Amoroso to reimburse him for certain medical expenses (1950, 309)	May 2, 1950	-2	-
May 5	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act transferring certain park land from the department of public parks of the city of Springfield to the city of Springfield (1950, 26)	May 1, 1950	-3	-
May 8	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the civil service status of Bernard Johanson, an employee in the building department of the city of Springfield (1950, 341)	May 4, 1950	-3	-
May 8	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell part of Cedar Brook Playground, so-called, in said city (1950, 12)	Apr. 25, 1950	-3	-

May 12	Clerk, Dighton Water District, Dighton	An Act establishing the Dighton Water District in the town of Dighton, and repealing acts establishing the Dighton Water Supply District and the South Dighton Fire and Water District (1950, 359)	May 18, 1950	-13
May 17	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act placing the incumbent of the position of substitute matron in the police department in the city of Worcester, Mary C. Mayes, under the civil service laws and rules (1950, 352)	May 10, 1950	-2
May 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to reimburse certain employees for loss resulting from a certain theft (1950, 382)	May 16, 1950	-4
May 22	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to purchase for public use land now owned by the Quincy Housing Authority (1950, 383)	May 15, 1950	-2
May 31	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay a sum of money to Mary E. McHugh of said city (1950, 279)	May 24, 1950	-2
June 1	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell certain land held by its park department (1950, 13)	May 9, 1950	-2
June 2	Clerk, Auburn Water District, Auburn	An Act establishing the Auburn Water District in the town of Auburn (1947, 585)	May 24, 1950	-14
June 6	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay a sum of money to John Haughey of Newton (1950, 415)	June 2, 1950	-10
June 14	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the retirement of certain police officers and firemen of the city of Lawrence (1950, 437)	June 12, 1950	-2
June 16	Board of Park Commissioners, Springfield	An Act transferring certain park land from the department of public parks of the city of Springfield to the city of Springfield (1950, 26)	June 13, 1950	-15

¹Accepted by the Swansea Water District.
²Accepted by the city council.
³Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
⁴Accepted by the mayor and city council.
⁵Accepted by the board of aldermen.
⁶Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
⁷Accepted by the North Raynham Water District.
⁸Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
⁹Adopted by unanimous vote.
¹⁰Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
¹¹Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
¹²Accepted by the Trustees of Governor Dummer Academy.
¹³Accepted by the Dighton Water District.
¹⁴Accepted by the Auburn Water District.
¹⁵Accepted by the park commissioners of Springfield.

